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	First Named Inventor	Dejong
	Art Unit	1652
	Examiner Name	Hutson, Richard G.
	Attorney Docket Number	UTDA:1083RCE

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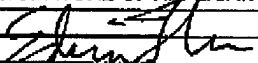
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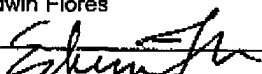
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